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AUG 27 DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL HEADLINES ON FRONT-PAGE
ORSINI STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON AND CREDITED TO AFP.
ARTICLE CAPTIONED: "ARRESTED IN DAKAR..." "DOMINGO-LA-DROGUE"
DELIVERED TO US JUSTICE". COMPLETE TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DOMINIQUE ORSINI, CALLED DOMINGO, A FRENCH DRUG
TRAFFICKER ARRESTED LAST WEEK IN DAKAR AND THEN EXTRADITED
TO THE US, ARRIVED MONDAY MORNING UNDER HEAVY ESCORT AT
KENNEDY AIRPORT IN NEW YORK. SEVERAL HOURS LATER, HE
APPEARED BEFORE A BROOKLYN COURT.

WITH A WEARY FACE, HIS RIGHT HAND WRAPPED IN A BANDAGE, HE
HEARD THE READING OF THE INDICTMENT ("ACTE D'ACCUSATION")
WHICH WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSLATED TO HIM IN SPANISH, WHICH
HE SPEAKS PERFECTLY. ORSINI, WHO CHOSE TO PLEAD NOT GUILTY,
DECLARED AFTER THE END OF THE HEARING, "I HAVE NEVER DEALT
IN DRUGS." HE ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONFINED ILLEGALLY
("SEQUESTRE") IN DAKAR.

CONSIDERED THE MAIN LINK OF THE FRENCH CONNECTION, DOMINIQUE
ORSINI, AGE 51, IS ACCUSED OF HAVING FURNISHED HEROIN TO DRUG
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TRAFFICKERS IN SOUTH AMERICA WHO RESOLD IT IN THE US.

ACCORDING TO THE INDICTMENT, THERE WAS A VAST CONSPIRACY BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1968 AND APRIL 1, 1971, IN WHICH ABOUT 30 PERSONS PARTICIPATED.

THE COURT SET BAIL AT \$2.5 MILLION DOLLARS. ORSINI WILL BE HEARD AGAIN BY THE COURT TUESDAY. HE WILL BE DEFENDED BY A PUBLIC DEFENDER ("AVOCAT DOMMIS D'OFFICE").

SOUGHT BY THE FRENCH POLICE IN 1951 FOR THEFT, DOMINIQUE ORSINI FLED TO ARGENTINA, WHERE HE HAS SINCE RESIDED. HAVING RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE SEARCH FOR HIM HAD BEEN ABANDONED, HE HAD DECIDED TO RETURN TO FRANCE WITH HIS FAMILY.

ON AUG 7 DURING A TECHNICAL STOP IN DAKAR OF A BUENOS AIRES-NICE FLIGHT, HE WAS SUMMONED TO ACCOUNT ("INTERPELLE") BY THE SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES.

ACCORDING TO MR LOU FIELDS, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO ACCOMPANIED THE PRISONER FROM DAKAR TO NEW YORK, A WARRANT OF ARREST ("MANDANT D'AMENER") HAD BEEN ISSUED AGAINST HIM BY INTERPOL AND BY THE AMERICAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED OF HIS TRIP. AFTER MORE THAN A WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND THE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT, THE LATTER AGREED TO DELIVER ORSINI TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. MR FIELDS INDICATED THAT WHILE THERE DID NOT EXIST AN EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THIS PROCEDURE WAS AUTHORIZED BY SENEGALESE LAW.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION IN THE NAME OF HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THIS COOPERATION IN THE FLIGHT LED BY THE US TO STOP INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING.

ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ("AVOCAT DE L' ACCUSATION"), MR PETER SCHLAM, DOMINIQUE ORSINI FACES A PRISON SENTENCE OF 5 TO 20 YEARS.

HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN, AGED 8 AND 9, HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR TRIP, HE ADDED. AS FOR THE REASON FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BANDAGE AROUND THE PRISONER'S HAND, MR FIELDS STATED THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF A WOUND WHICH DOMINIQUE ORSINI HAD INFLICTED UPON HIMSELF IN PRISON IN DAKAR BY STRIKING HIS FIST ON GLASS WHEN HE WAS TOLD OF HIS EXTRADITION FROM SENEGAL. UNQUOTE. AGGREY

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